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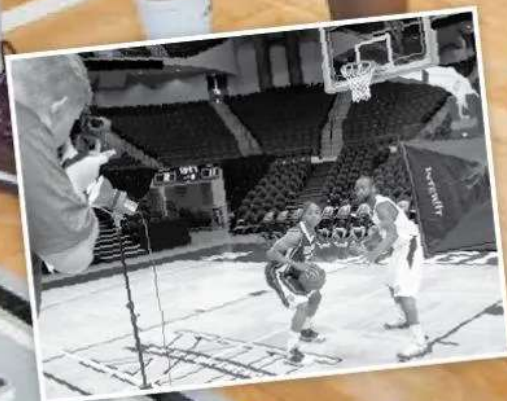
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publisher's note

Howdy!

Talk about a sight for sore eyes.

The Texas A&M defense had already shown tremendous improvement under new coordinator Tim DeRuyter this season. They had even made some plays here and there that were reminiscent of the Wrecking Crew days. Heck, outside of the Missouri debacle, they kept the team in every game down to the final seconds. That's a lot more than could be said for most A&M defenses over the past eight or more seasons.

So who could have imagined that over 80,000 fans would be yelling "Wrecking Crew...Wrecking Crew...Wrecking Crew..." as Mike Sherman's team celebrated its biggest win and Bob Stoops' 8th-ranked Sooners left the field in defeat? It was a surreal moment for me as I'm sure it was for you and many others.

As I stood on the sideline in the fourth quarter and watched the Wrecking Crew come to life with goal-line stand after goal-line stand, I remembered what football at Kyle Field used to be like. I remembered those magical moments that have been far too rare in recent history. I remembered what it was like to be so proud of the Ags on the field for giving it everything they had and then some, even sometimes in defeat.

I watched as defenders hobbled back and forth from the sideline as if they should have been on crutches, but when the ball was snapped, they looked as if they were logging their first action of the night. I watched as senior All-American Von Miller fought through severe cramps to lay it all on the line for his team. I watched the players' faces light up after they bested the mighty Sooners in every facet of the game. Everything they had worked so hard for was finally paying off.

Needless to say, I'm happy I was there to see it. I've missed several of the greatest victories at Kyle Field in my lifetime for one reason or another. Frankly, I was starting to wonder if I was the problem. I already feel that way about road games, but I'm not publishing my road record. That's a good way to get hate mail.

Of course, the true test for this team now is to keep their momentum and finish the season the same way they finished the Oklahoma game. If they do that, good things will finally come to this football program. And that's something I'm dying to see.

Gig'em Ags!

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making a stand

The Texas A&M defense stuffs Trey Millard's rush attempt on 4th and goal from the 1-yard line in the 4th quarter. The Aggies stopped Oklahoma on fourth-and-1 from the 1 three times in the game, earning "Wrecking Crew" chants from the 12th Man. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.



snapshot





slippery swope

Ryan Tannehill threw a strike to Ryan Swope for a 64-yard touchdown on third-and-4 in the fourth quarter to put the Aggies comfortably ahead, 33-17, after a missed field goal by Oklahoma. Swope finished with a career-high 136 yards receiving. Photo by Jason McConnell '01 (Inset by Brian Davis '01).

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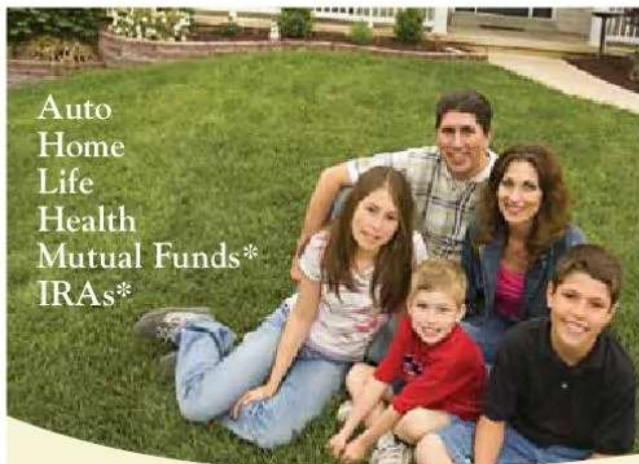




wrecking crew

Sophomore linebacker Sean Porter celebrates with first-year defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter following the Aggies' upset victory over No. 8 Oklahoma. The 12th Man showed their appreciation for the A&M defense with "Wrecking Crew" yells as the celebration commenced on Kyle Field. Photos by Jason McConnell '01.

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THE OLD SWITCHEROO

BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04

Due to staff turnover last January, the Aggies got off to a slow start in the 2011 recruiting race. While many of the region's premier programs were handing out offers, Texas A&M was still in evaluation mode and they've been playing catch-up ever since. While the staff is still scouring the state for undiscovered talent, they're also putting the hard-court press on several blue chips who decided to make an early commitment to other schools in hopes that a combination of hard work and an improved product of the field will sway them to the maroon and

white. Several of the current commits decided to switch to the Aggies after originally pledging to other programs, including defensive lineman Shayvion Hatten (TCU), quarterback Johnny Manziel (Oregon) and linebacker Shaun Ward (Maryland).

Here, we take a closer look at a few more of those who haven't completely pulled the plug to the lines of communication with the A&M coaching staff. Though the odds are stacked against a switch, it's worth keeping a close watch on these targets between now and signing day... just in case.



herschelSIMS (RB)
5-9, 190, Abilene, TX (Abilene High)
COMMITTED TO OKLAHOMA STATE
LIKELY TO SWITCH? MEDIUM-LOW

After committing to the Cowboys in April, Sims has been shopping his services ever since, and has reached out to the Aggies on a number of occasions, even going so far as to make a visit to Kyle Field in September. Sims would like to play at the next level with teammate and cousin Ronnell, but hasn't been able to find a program willing to make them a package deal, including the Aggies.



kennyWILLIAMS (RB)
5-10, 205, Pflugerville, TX (Hendrickson)
COMMITTED TO TEXAS TECH
LIKELY TO SWITCH? LOW

Williams showed a strong early interest in the Aggies and was even considered an A&M lean. After the Ags moved on other prospects, Williams decided to look elsewhere and committed to the Red Raiders. A struggling Tech program could cause Williams to look elsewhere, but the odds are pretty slim.



derekEDWARDS (WR)
6-1, 175, Brenham, TX (Brenham High)
COMMITTED TO TEXAS TECH
LIKELY TO SWITCH? MEDIUM-HIGH

Edwards committed to Tommy Tuberville and the Red Raiders in the spring of '09, prior to receiving an Aggie offer. Though he hasn't publicly admitted to being a "soft" commit, his actions speak louder than words. Edwards took in the A&M/Tech contest at Kyle Field and was able to witness both the prolific Aggie offense and the sputtering Tech offense (by Tech standards) first-hand. Edwards will be one to watch closely down the stretch.



kameelJACKSON (WR)
6-1, 185, Arlington, TX (Sam Houston)
COMMITTED TO OKLAHOMA
LIKELY TO SWITCH? LOW

The rangy, speedy Arlington standout was one of the first members of the Sooners' 2011 class, so the odds of him going through with a switch are slim. Still, he's maintained a relationship with A&M defensive backs coach Chuck McMillian even to this day, so he's at least worth keeping an eye on.



steveEDMOND (LB)
6-3, 225, Daingerfield, TX (Daingerfield High)
COMMITTED TO TEXAS
LIKELY TO SWITCH? LOW

It's a rare feat to pluck a blue chip recruit from the hands of Mack Brown, but if the Longhorns continue down their path of destruction, the Aggies could manage to pull it off. Edmonds, the state's top linebacker prospect, is friends and teammates with A&M commit Shayvion Hatten, so it's possible that he could manage to sneak in a visit to Aggieland if the opportunity presents itself between now and signing day.



ericROWE (S)
6-2, 174, Klein, TX (Klein High)
COMMITTED TO UTAH
LIKELY TO SWITCH? MEDIUM-HIGH

After a strong performance during his senior season, the Klein product's stock is on the rise. It won't be easy to steal one from the Utes, but the proximity to home could be a big factor if the Ags decide to make a serious push down the stretch, which is looking more and more likely.



jamalTURNER (ATH)
6-1, 175, Arlington, TX (Sam Houston)
COMMITTED TO NEBRASKA
LIKELY TO SWITCH? LOW

One of the most exciting players in the state of Texas, Turner bought the Nebraska sales pitch hook, line and sinker when they told him he would play quarterback for the Big Red. Considering current Cornhusker signal-caller Taylor Martinez is only a freshman, Turner could begin to rethink his decision. Though he and teammate Kameel Jackson remain in contact with the Aggies, they're both considered longshots to wind up in maroon and white.



jamesBAILEY (DB)
6-2, 195, Everman, TX (Everman High)
COMMITTED TO TCU
LIKELY TO SWITCH? MEDIUM-HIGH

Despite their run of recent success, TCU could have a hard time hanging on to Bailey if the Aggies decide to make a late push for his services. The Ags are seriously considering adding one or possibly two more defensive backs to this year's recruiting haul, and Bailey could be one to watch heading into the final stretch of the season. **AT**





Texas A&M senior Rachel Shipley scored on a penalty kick in the first period to give the No. 6 Aggie soccer team their 11th Big 12 Championship with a 1-0 win over No. 5 Oklahoma State. "After two years, I'm glad that the girls won our trophy back," head coach G Guerrieri said. "It feels good. It's a big relief. Sometimes when you win championships, you think you're always going to win them, and when you're not the champions, you wonder if you're ever going to do it again." Texas A&M will play North Dakota State in the first round of the Aggies' 16th consecutive NCAA Tournament on Nov. 12 in Minneapolis, Minn.





(volleyball) A six-match losing streak during the heart of Big 12 play put Laurie Corbelli's team in a deep hole in the conference race. However, the team responded by winning three of their next four matches climbing into a tie for sixth place in the Big 12. The Ags will need some huge wins down the stretch to have a shot at returning to the NCAA Tournament. (swimming and diving) Led by senior diver Jaele Patrick, the women's swimming and diving team opened their season with a dominant victory over Houston and followed with a close loss to rival Texas. (equestrian) The 2nd-ranked equestrian team began the season 4-0, with home wins over No. 4 Oklahoma State and No. 3 Auburn. (tennis) The terrific tandem of seniors Jeff Dadamo and Austin Krajicek (bottom right) pulled off what is believed to be the first national championship for Texas A&M men's tennis at the 2010 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships.



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COURT CAPTAINS

Sydney Colson and Dash Harris are ready to lead Aggie basketball to new heights

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01



THE COLSON FILE

Sydney Justine Colson

Height: 5-8

Born: August 6, 1989

High School: Westside High School (Houston, TX)

Parents: Simmie and Stephanie Colson

Senior (Sociology Major)

Position: Guard

Hometown: Houston, TX

Pro basketball player: Kobe Bryant

Pro team: Los Angeles Lakers

Fast food: Chick-Fil-A

Restaurant: Papasito's

Person you'd like to meet: Natalie Maines from the Dixie Chicks

Shoe size: 10 (women's)

Biggest win at A&M: Duke to go to the Elite Eight

Toughest loss: Tennessee in the Elite Eight

Halloween costume: A Sudoku board

Song most played on your iPod: Anything by Whitney Houston

Movie: Remember the Titans

TV show: Law and Order (all of them)

Best shot in HORSE: Behind the back, off the glass

Who would win in one-on-one: Dash

Where to play (besides A&M): Excited about playing in Madison Square Garden this year

Team goal: Elite Eight or further

Personal goal: Better assist-to-turnover ratio





THE HARRIS FILE

Dashan Karon Harris

Junior (Ag Leadership Major)

Height: 6-1

Position: Guard

Born: September 30, 1989

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

High School: Monteverde Academy (Monteverde, FL)

Parents: Dashan and Cornella Harris

Pro basketball player: LeBron James

Pro team: Miami Heat

Fast food: In-N-Out Burger

Restaurant: Roscoe's Chicken N' Waffles

Person you'd like to meet: Oprah

Shoe size: 12

Biggest win at A&M: Nebraska during my freshman year

Toughest loss: Second round game in each of the last two NCAA Tournaments

Halloween costume: Rick Ross

Song most played on your iPod: Everyday a Star is Born by Jay Z

Movie: Love and Basketball

TV show: Sportscenter

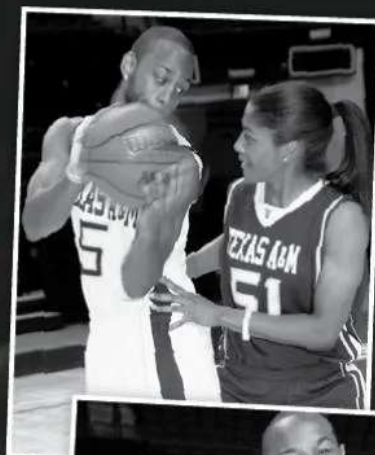
Best shot in HORSE: I always dunk in HORSE... Automatic letter

Who would win in one-on-one: Depends on which ball we play with

Where to play (besides A&M): Kansas in 2008 and the Ford Center in Oklahoma City

Team goal: Elite Eight or further

Personal goal: To be the best point guard in the Big 12





"A lot of people are doubting us after we lost Sloan, Roland and BD, so we're ready to prove people wrong and show that this team can play."

— SENIOR NATHAN WALKUP

MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Mark Turgeon's young team is ready to show they can carry the torch from the winningest class in school history

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

Going into the 2010-2011 season, Mark Turgeon has some big holes to fill. Outgoing seniors Donald Sloan, Bryan Davis and Derrick Roland were a part of the winningest class in Aggie basketball history and advanced to four straight NCAA Tournaments. Not to mention the tragic loss of A&M signee Tobi Oyedeji in May.

To help fill those holes, Turgeon and company signed three versatile players out of high school who are all 6-8 or taller. Each one brings something different to the table. Most likely to see action early is Kourtney Roberson. He is still making strides defensively, and has a great feel on offense. Keith Davis will be a force down low who should see a lot of time off the bench. Meanwhile, Daniel Alexander will be a tremendous offensive weapon once he develops and fills out a little more.

In addition to the freshmen, Turgeon also got some experience in junior transfer Elston Turner from Washington. He will make an impact in practice and from the bench this season as he sits out the NCAA-mandated one year.

Senior B.J. Holmes and junior Dash Harris are the leaders in the backcourt. Their performance will likely dictate the success of the Aggies' season. There's not a lot of depth behind them, but rising sophomore Naji Hibbert and veteran seniors Andrew Darko and Derrek Lewis are quality players who will log significant minutes.

The key players in the frontcourt are junior David Loubeau and sophomores Ray Turner and Khrist Middleton. Now in his third year in Aggieland, this is poised to be Loubeau's breakout season with Davis departing. Senior Nathan Walkup will also play a lot of minutes and could be a starter because of his experience and versatility.

The biggest addition off the court was Aggie basketball legend Dominique Kirk as a graduate assistant. Kirk brings invaluable experience and knowledge of the game to this young team. **AYI**



#2 DERREK LEWIS (SR), G

6-5, Tulsa (OK)

Three letter guard who saw action in 15 games last year, averaging 2 points per game.



#10 DAVID LOUBEAU (JR), F

6-8, Miami (FL)

Named Big 12 Most Improved Player by Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Will have to fill big shoes to fill for Bryan Davis.



#22 KHRIS MIDDLETON (SO), F

6-7, North Charleston (SC)

Started 14 of 16 Big 12 games last year, averaging 7 points and almost 4 rebounds per game.



#32 KOURTNEY ROBERSON (FR), F

6-9, Arcadia (LA)

Top 100 prospect in the country by Rivals who will likely see action soon. Can score in a variety of ways.



#31 ELSTON TURNER (JR), G

6-4, Missouri City (TX)

Transferred from Washington where he lead the team with a 38% three-point percentage. Will sit the 2010 season.



#35 RAY TURNER (SO), F

6-8, Houston (TX)

Appeared in 20 games after sitting until mid-December. Changed to No. 35 this season for Tobi Oyedele.



#45 NATHAN WALKUP (SR), F

6-7, Houston (TX)

Played in all 34 games last year averaging 5 points and 3 rebounds per game.



#15 DANIEL ALEXANDER (FR), F

6-8, Dripping Springs (TX)

Top 100 prospect in the country by Rivals. Good outside shooter but needs to add size and strength.



#12 ANDREW DARKO (SR), G

6-1, Conroe (TX)

Three letter guard who saw action in 12 games last year. Was awarded a scholarship for his senior year.



#4 KEITH DAVIS (FR), C

6-9, DeSoto (TX)

Led DeSoto to a state title his junior year. Big player with good defensive skills.



#5 DASH HARRIS (JR), G

6-1, Los Angeles (CA)

Led the team in assists, steals and assist-to-turnover ratio. Bouncing back from wrist surgery in June.



#23 NAJI HIBBERT (SO), G

6-6, Baltimore (MD)

Came off the bench in every game last year, with a career high 11 points against Prairie View.



#11 B.J. HOLMES (SR), G

5-11, Houston (TX)

Named to the Big 12 All-Reserve Team and is No. 1 in the A&M record book for career 3-point percentage.





WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The sky is the limit for Gary Blair's talented and experienced team in 2010-11

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

Gary Blair has the 8th-ranked Aggies locked and loaded for the 2010-2011 season. Coming off a second round loss in last year's NCAA Tournament, the Aggies have a tough schedule and will no doubt have a target on their backs in every match-up.

Coach Blair added two talented freshmen to the roster, most notably center Karla Gilbert, upgrading the size and depth to an already talented squad. Blair also welcomed the transfer of Kelsey Bone from South Carolina in the offseason. Bone was the top recruit on the Aggies wish list in 2009, but ultimately chose to sign with the Gamecocks. After earning several All-SEC honors as a true freshman, she decided to transfer to A&M. Bone isn't eligible to play this season, but will make a huge impact in practice by teaching and challenging Gilbert.

The Aggies are led by seniors Danielle Adams and Sydney Colson. Adams will score from anywhere on the floor and Colson's high energy style sets the tempo of the team. Senior Maryann Baker and juniors Tyra White and Sydney Carter are expected to make a big impact on the court as well. The toughest challenge will be replacing the scoring of Tanisha Smith.

With such a talented group, the Aggies are looking forward to some high level competition in the Big 12. Coach Blair's squad was picked to finish second in the league behind Baylor. The Aggies are full aware that the road to winning another conference championship goes through Waco as long as Britney Griner is wearing green and gold. **AT**

"This program has arrived on the national scene. Now the expectations are high and excuses won't work. We expect to win and we expect to be in big games. When you are ranked that high, you are supposed to find a way to keep winning. And I like the pressure."

— HEAD COACH GARY BLAIR

**#23 DANIELLE ADAMS (SR), F/C**

6-1, Kansas City (MO)

2010 AP All-American Honorable Mention and Big 12 Conference Newcomer of the Year.**#40 KELSEY ASSARIAN (JR), F**

6-1, Naples (FL)

2010 Academic All-Big 12 First Team. Averaged 3 points and 3 rebounds in 32 games last year.**#15 MARYANN BAKER (SR), G**

5-10, Dallas (TX)

2010 Academic All-Big 12 First Team. "Miss Hustle Award" and "Team Academic Award" for the second straight year.**#5 KRISTI BELLOCK (SO), F/G**

6-1, St. Rose (LA)

Named the 2008 Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Louisiana. Coming off an ACL injury in May.**#3 KELSEY BONE (SO), C**

6-4, Houston (TX)

Rated the No. 2 overall prospect in the Class of 2009. Will be mentoring Karla Gilbert as she sits out the year.**#4 SYDNEY CARTER (JR), G**

5-6, DeSoto (TX)

2010 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention and team captain. Impressive 2.15 assist-to-turnover ratio last season.**#25 SKYLAR COLLINS (JR), G**

5-9, Cedar Hill (TX)

2010 Academic All-Big 12 Second Team. Career-highs vs. North Texas with 10 points, 2 blocks, 2 steals and 2 assists.**#51 SYDNEY COLSON (SR), G**

5-8, Houston (TX)

"A healthy Sydney is one of the best point guards in the country." – Gary Blair**#21 ADAORA ELONU (JR), F**

6-1, Houston (TX)

Co-captain of the team averaging 9 points and 5 rebounds per game in 2010.**#34 KARLA GILBERT (FR), C**

6-5, College Station (TX)

McDonald's All-American, No. 9 overall prospect in 2010. Will see playing time early.**#14 KRISTEN GRANT (FR), G**

5-9, Arlington (TX)

No. 20 overall prospect in Class of 2010, and No. 7 shooting guard by ESPN.**#32 ADRIENNE PRATCHER (SO), G**

5-7, Memphis (TN)

Most improved player on the team has developed excellent leadership skills for a young player.**#20 TYRA WHITE (JR), G**

6-0, Kansas City (MO)

Played in all 34 games last year averaging 5 points and 3 rebounds per game.**#12 CIERRA WINDHAM (SO), F/G**

6-0, Corona (CA)

Best shooter on the team in 2010, shooting .527 from the floor and .384 from behind the arc.

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [GAME 5: ARKANSAS 24, AGS 17]

► PHOTO OF THE GAME

Arkansas running back Knile Davis (7) is swarmed by the Texas A&M defense during the first half of the 2010 Southwest Classic in Arlington. After giving up a few first half touch-down passes, the Aggie defense settled in and played inspired football. They held the 11th-ranked Razorbacks' potent offense to just three second half points despite three A&M fumbles inside the Aggies' 40-yard line. Unfortunately the A&M offense was only able to score three second half points as well.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR SAFETY STEVEN CAMPBELL

What is your role before the snap?

As a strong safety, my role is to be the quarterback of the defense. I have to communicate the formation and get the strength right.

What has led to the improvement on defense this season?

Everyone has trust in the program and we trust and have confidence in each other. We try to play fast and have fun out there.

What has Coach McMillian meant to you?

Coach Mac is like a big brother and father. He teaches a lot of technique and will let you know when you do something wrong and when you do something right. He's a good coach. **AT**



TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [GAME 6: MISSOURI 30, AGS 9]



◀ PHOTO OF THE GAME

Senior linebacker Michael Hodges and junior defensive end Tony Jerod-Eddie combine to tackle Missouri tight end Michael Egnew in the first half against the No. 21 Tigers. Hodges finished with a team-high 10 tackles and Jerod-Eddie contributed a blocked extra point in game where nothing much went right for the Aggies on either side of the ball.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR CORNERBACK CORYELL JUDIE

Going back to before last season, when did you realize you were injured and wouldn't be able to play?

I knew there was something wrong with my shoulder while I was still at Fort Scott Community College. It was like I knew something was wrong, but I didn't. When I got here, they told me I had a torn labrum in my shoulder.

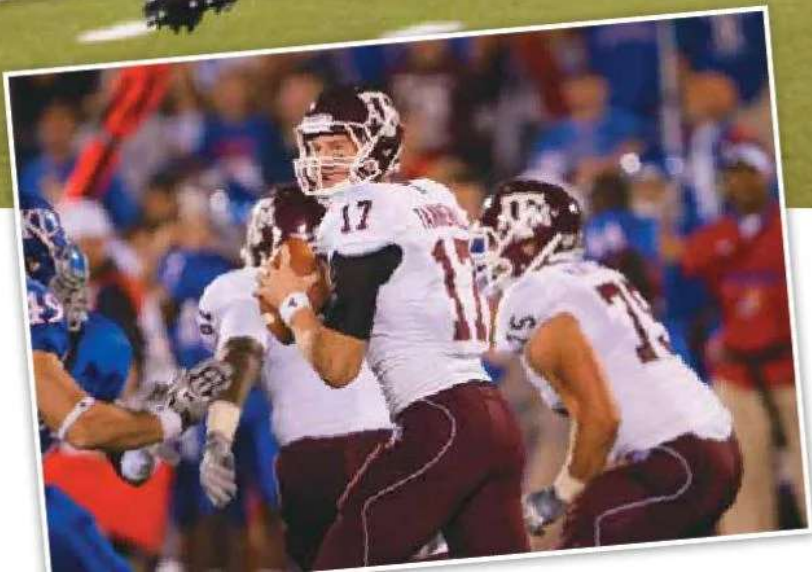
What were the benefits to sitting out last year?

It helped me a lot because I came in so late anyway and was having to play catch-up.

How would you describe the feeling when you went out on Kyle Field for your first play?

I froze up a little bit in front of that crowd. I was kind of nervous. My mind went blank and I forgot what I was doing. It was very exciting though. **AT**

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [GAME 7: AGS 45, KANSAS 10]



▲ PHOTO OF THE GAME

Just when it appeared that Kansas was going to cut the Aggies' first-half lead to 24-17 and make a game of it, sophomore cornerback Dustin Harris leaped in front of a Jordan Webb pass on the goal line and picked it off. Harris turned a sure touchdown for the Jayhawks into an 83-yard interception return, setting the Aggies up to extend their lead before halftime. Junior Ryan Tannehill was impressive in his first meaningful action at quarterback in his career, ultimately earning the starting job for the Texas Tech game. **ATI**

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [GAME 8: AGS 45, TEXAS TECH 27]



◀ PHOTO OF THE GAME

Junior wide receiver Jeff Fuller skies for a jump ball in the end zone, besting a Texas Tech defensive back for the touchdown. Ryan Tannehill made his first career start and produced a school-record 449 yards passing and four touchdowns in the 45-27 victory over the Red Raiders. Fuller caught two of Tannehill's touchdown passes and finished with 11 receptions for 171 yards to become the second player in Texas A&M history to reach 2,000 career yards receiving.

Q&A WITH OFFENSIVE LINEMAN BRIAN THOMAS

How has the offensive line progressed from where you began the season?

At the beginning we were very inexperienced. We started off a little rough, but I think we've gotten better and better each game.

How close were you to playing as a true freshman in 2008?

I was the backup left guard, but the coaches told me about halfway through the season that I was going to be redshirted. Until then it was anything goes.

You started at right tackle and then moved to left guard when Evan Eike was injured. What are the challenges of playing different positions on the line?

I've been switching around since my freshman year, so I pretty much have all the positions down. It wasn't too difficult. I just had to work on my footwork because it's a little different at guard than tackle.

What's the biggest challenge of playing guard?

Going from blocking the smaller, faster guys to the huge, stronger guys.

When did you know you wanted to be a football player?

My first year to play was in the fourth grade. I wasn't the best. I was a little overweight and pretty short. After that year, I started getting better and realized how much I liked it and how fun it was to play.

How have the two freshmen tackles progressed this season?

Luke Joeckel came in last spring as a high school player and did well from the start. He's gotten better and better each game. Jake Matthews has great assets and has continued to improve and progressed to be able to play.

What does it mean to have the quarterback come and talk to the offensive line on the sideline?

That helps a lot to have the quarterback tell us what he needs from us and we can tell him what we need from him.

Do they take you guys out for a steak dinner or anything like that?

They might come with us, but they don't take us out. **AT**

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [GAME 9: AGS 33, OKLAHOMA 19]



▲ PHOTO OF THE GAME

With their lead trimmed to two after giving up 17 straight unanswered points, the Aggie offense desperately needed to make a play to regain momentum. That play came from running back Cyrus Gray with 11 minutes remaining in the game. The junior took a handoff at the 23-yard line, spun all the way around to evade one tackler, and did a second 360-degree spin to roll in for the score. Gray finished with 122 yards and Texas A&M broke a seven-game losing streak to No. 8 Oklahoma with a 33-19 win over the Sooners. **KSI**



TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [NOVEMBER GAME PREVIEWS]

Baylor Bears

Last Season: 4-8, 1-7 Big 12

WHEN

Saturday, November 13 at 6 pm (FSN)

WHERE

Waco, TX (Floyd Casey Stadium)

SERIES RECORD

A&M 66, Baylor 31 (9 Ties)



KEY QUESTION

Can the Aggies break their trend of poor performances in Waco?

WHAT TO EXPECT

Many thought that Baylor would be playing for a bowl berth against the Aggies. As it turns out, they're playing for much more. Pride, bragging rights and the opportunity to emerge as one of the Big 12 South's best are on the line in this bitter rivalry.

PLAYER TO WATCH

QB Robert Griffin, III (SO) – The sophomore signal caller is putting up career numbers in his third season at Baylor, and has his team riding high after becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 1994 as well as defeating Texas in Austin.

FUN FACT

Eight of the top ten largest crowds in Floyd Casey Stadium history have been when Texas A&M was in town, including the top four.

Nebraska Cornhuskers

Last Season: 10-4, 6-2 Big 12

WHEN

Saturday, November 20 at 7 pm (TV TBA)

WHERE

College Station, TX (Kyle Field)

SERIES RECORD

Nebraska 10, A&M 3



KEY QUESTION

With Nebraska departing for the Big 10 at season's end, will the Aggies send the Big Red off in fashion?

WHAT TO EXPECT

Nebraska's first trip to College Station in 1998 saw the No. 18 Aggies upset the No. 2 Huskers in a monumental victory before A&M's Big 12 title run. Kyle Field will be rocking again in possibly the Huskers' last visit, giving the Ags a chance to repeat history.

PLAYER TO WATCH

QB Taylor Martinez (FR) – Nebraska got off to a strong start this season behind Martinez's legs. If the freshman phenom can get back to form (and stay healthy), the Huskers are tough to beat.

FUN FACT

A&M assistant Zac Taylor led the Huskers to a victory in their last trip to Kyle Field.

Texas Longhorns

Last Season: 13-1, 8-0 Big 12

WHEN

Thursday, November 25 at 7 pm (ESPN)

WHERE

Austin, TX (DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium)

SERIES RECORD

Texas 75, A&M 36 (5 Ties)



KEY QUESTION

How far will the Longhorns have fallen by the time A&M comes to town?

WHAT TO EXPECT

There's a good chance the Longhorns will drop their fourth game at home this season when they face the Aggies... unless of course, they've already done so beforehand.

PLAYER TO WATCH

DE Sam Acho (SR) – Acho is one of the lone bright spots for Texas this season. The Dallas-native was named a Lombardi Award semi-finalist in October after posting five sacks, nine tackles for loss and two forced fumbles.

FUN FACT

The Longhorns could be the first team to not qualify for a bowl game one year after playing for the BCS national championship.

Big 12 Bowl Agreements

2010-11 Big 12 Bowls in Selection Order

BOWL	WHEN	WHERE	TV	WHO
Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	Jan. 1 7:30 pm	Glendale, AZ	ESPN	BCS At Large
AT&T Cotton Bowl	Jan. 7 7 pm	Arlington, TX	FOX	SEC
Valero Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29 8:15 pm	San Antonio, TX	ESPN	Pac-10
Insight Bowl	Dec. 28 9 pm	Tempe, AZ	ESPN	Big Ten
Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl	Dec. 30 9 pm	San Diego, CA	ESPN	Pac-10
Texas Bowl	Dec. 29 5 pm	Houston, TX	ESPN	Big Ten
New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Dec. 30 2:20 pm	New York, NY	ESPN	Big East
Dallas Football Classic	Jan. 1 11 am	Dallas, TX	ESPNU	Big Ten/ ACC

BIG 12 BOWL ELIGIBLE TEAMS (AS OF NOV. 10)

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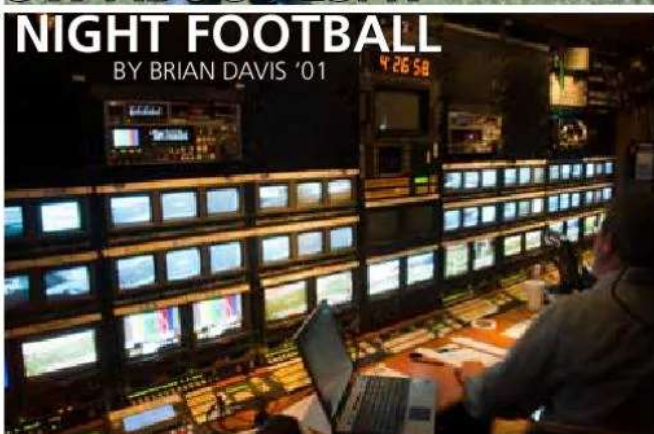
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10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ESPN THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL



For the first time since 1995, the Texas A&M football team will play on more than one Thursday in a season. The Aggies first Thursday night match-up in 2010 was a thriller in Stillwater back in September. In a back and forth game, the Cowboys emerged victorious on a field goal as time expired. On

Thanksgiving, the Ags will travel to Austin for their second opportunity to play on ESPN Thursday Night Football.

A couple of hours before the game kicked off in Oklahoma, the AI staff was given a behind the scenes tour of what it takes to produce ESPN Thursday Night Football.

ALL BASES COVERED

The crew typically has eleven cameras covering the action all over the field.

EYE IN THE SKY

That includes the Skycam, which gives viewers video-game like camera angles. The Skycam requires about a ten-person crew for setup and operation and is controlled during the game through computer by a pilot and an operator.

TV TRUCKS

The show uses three trucks – A, B and C. Two for production/uplink and one for graphics.

COOL JOB

The associate producer, Susan Pierce, works with ESPN in Bristol for all of the commercial integration when they go on breaks and for in-game updates. Her young son, however, thinks her job is to drive the truck.

THE ANNOUNCERS

The announcing crew consists of Craig James and Jesse Palmer as analysts, Rece Davis as play-by-play announcer and Jenn Brown (top

right) as sideline reporter. A native Texan, James is most known for being a part of the famed "Pony Express" at SMU in the early 80s. His daughter is an Aggie and his son is on the Texas Tech football team. Palmer played quarterback at Florida and briefly in the NFL. He also starred in *The Bachelor* in 2004. Davis, in his first year on the Thursday night crew, worked his way up as a sports reporter and hosts several other ESPN shows. Also a Florida alum and a newcomer to Thursday night football, Brown has hosted a variety of shows for different networks and has worked as an actress and model.

THE CREW

There are approximately 50 people who travel in the core crew. ESPN hires another 50 or so locally at each stop for utilities and other operations.

THE SETUP

The crew flies in on Tuesday and starts setting the stadium up at 9 a.m. on Wednesday. Typically it takes eight to ten hours for setup. For nicer stadiums that are pre-wired, the setup time is greatly reduced.

THE COACHES

Phil Dean, the producer, and Mike Schwab, the director, call the shots from the front row of the production truck. Dean is always in communication with the announcers and determines the show's content – when to do a promo, show a replay and display certain graphics. Schwab works with the technical director and they cut all of the live cameras and execute everything that gets on to the program screen (top left).

ON SCREEN GRAPHICS

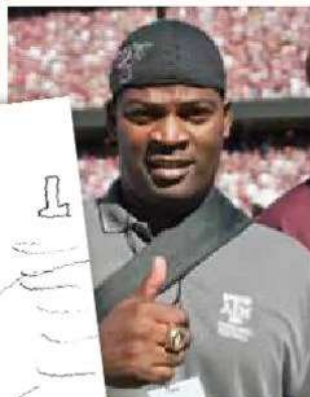
Inside the graphics truck, graphics producers Rich Chmela (bottom left) and Katie Crane create and coordinate every graphic you see during the game. They create everything they can prior to game day, but typically have to produce new graphics during games when something unplanned comes up.

THE SHOW'S BACKBONE

Dean calls the technical crew the strength of the show. They've been together for a long time, some for more than thirteen years. Everyone knows their role and they are very passionate about football. **AI**



(above) A statue of the legendary John David Crow was dedicated in front of the Bright Football Complex in October, and the Aggies' lone Heisman winner was recognized before the Missouri game as honorary captain. (left) This young Aggie fan had a lot of good things to yell about during the victory over Texas Tech at Kyle Field. (below) There were many special guests in attendance at the Texas Tech football game including Anthony Taylor (left) and Dean Berry (right) from the 1985 Southwest Conference Championship football team, San Antonio Spurs legend David Robinson (middle), and former President George H.W. Bush, aka, No. 41. (bottom left) The EZ Hail Mary snapshot in the October issue inspired Al subscriber Garrett (age 5) to draw a picture of his favorite players, Jerrod Johnson and Jeff Fuller, following the Arkansas game. His father, Rick '93, assumed the creature on the field was Reveille, but Garrett corrected him. "No dad. That's a dinosaur."





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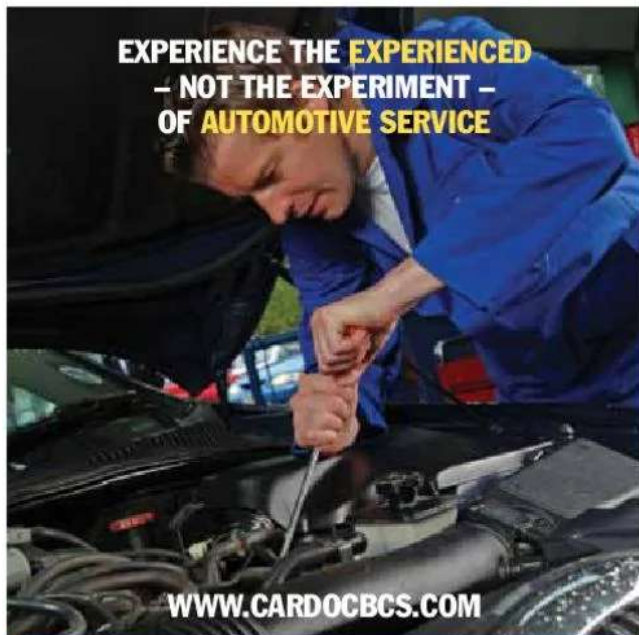
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AGGIE HOCKEY

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

While Texas A&M Ice Hockey didn't become an official sport club until 2001, hockey originated in Aggieland in 1982 when a group of students put together a team and played random games for fun rather than for competition. But when that group of students graduated, the team departed as well.

That was long before there was much public interest for the sport in Texas. That interest blossomed in the 1990s with the arrival of the Dallas Stars NHL franchise and the return of the Houston Aeros. In 1997, another group of students put together an Aggie team and started playing other universities. This time the club stayed together, paving the way for today's team.

Competing in the Division II West Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), the A&M program has steadily improved each year. That culminated in 2009 as the Aggies finished the regular season with a No. 10 ranking in the West Region, earning a trip to the Regional Playoffs for the first time in program history. They were the first team from Texas to ever make the Regional Playoffs.

Nathan Banks '11 joined the team as a freshman in 2007 and has been an integral part of the best seasons in the program's history.

"One of the happiest moments of my college career was when I saw my name posted on the roster after the last tryout my freshman year," Banks said.

Now a senior and club president, Banks is the leader of arguably the most talented Texas A&M team to ever take the ice. The 2010-11 Aggies welcomed twelve new members this season even though they lost less than half of that to graduation last fall.

"The best part about playing is representing A&M," Banks said. "It is a huge honor to be able to wear that jersey as many are turned away each season."

The team has a total of five offensive lines and four defensive lines, but only four and three, respectively, make the roster for each game.

"It's usually different players each game, too," Banks added, "since the new kids are neck and neck in getting the last open spots each week on the roster."

During the game, each line gets about the same playing time this season, where in the past the top two or three lines got the majority.

"My line with Aubrey Berkowitz and Dustin Roark focuses on agitating and wearing down the other team," Banks said.

Each line has different styles of play with goal scorers and playmakers. While they all have their different specialties, the lines do have one common goal – to win.

Last season, the team was happy just to make it to the playoffs as the 10th team out of 10 spots, and was eliminated in the opening round by Eastern Washington. This season, the goal is to make it back at a higher ranking, giving the Aggies a better opportunity to do more damage in the postseason.

"It's going to take the same hard work, if not more, to get there," Banks admitted. "Since we made regional playoffs last year, we are the team to beat by those who didn't."

A third of the way through the 2010-11 season, the Aggies are 10-3 and near the top of the standings in the West Region. The next home games are Nov. 19 and 20 against UTSA. It is military weekend, so Corps of Cadets members and anyone in uniform can attend for only \$3. Can't catch the team in College Station? The Aggies battle the Longhorns in Austin on Nov. 27 for the "Pride of Texas Cup" and Arkansas at the American Airlines Center on Jan. 15 either before or after the Dallas Stars game. Visit www.tamicehockey.com for the full schedule. **NI**

GLEN'S GREAT EIGHT

3. Aggie Bonfire, 1989

"I used to shoot Bonfire every year starting in the late 70's. I finally slowed down a bit around 1993. I think this was the best burn I ever saw. I never went to the 1999 site. Just didn't want to see the devastation." – Glen Johnson

In each issue of Volume 5 of AI, we are excited to share eight of Glen Johnson's most memorable moments from photographing all things Aggie. Glen has been the official photographer of Texas A&M Athletics since 1981. Special thanks to Glen for his contribution.

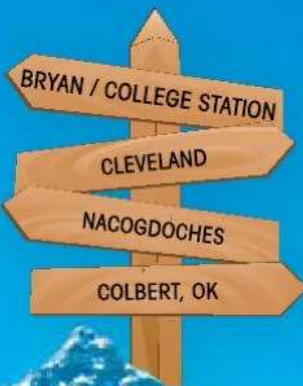
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